

## EVERY VOTER. EVERY CANDIDATE

## WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING? FAIR ELECTIONS.

- Eliminate taxpayer funding for partisan elections
- Treats Independent/unaffiliated voters and candidates fairly
- Every voter can participate in every election
- All candidates can run and will appear on the same ballot

- Same signature requirements for all candidates
- No funding for partisan Presidential Primary unless unaffiliated voters are included
- Requires the State Legislature to establish an elections system that guarantees the right of all voters to vote and all qualified candidates to compete in all publicly funded, publicly administered elections, without regard to their party affiliation or non-affiliation.

## WHAT IS AN OPEN PRIMARY?

In an open primary, all candidates will appear on the same ballot and compete under the same rules, and all registered voters will use that same ballot to cast their vote for their preferred candidate(s). In an open primary, the use of taxpayer funds to pay for private political party primaries would be prohibited.

## WHAT CHANGES?

Every Voter, Every Election: any registered voter can vote in any election for any candidate they want.

• Currently: the partisan primary system, paid for by all taxpayers, excludes voters not affiliated with a political party from participating. A voter who does not belong to a party must select a party ballot to vote in a Primary election.

**Competition Produces Better Choices:** makes elected officials accountable to most voters and leads to better choices, better results, and a stronger Arizona.

• *Currently*: 70% of Arizona voters DO NOT believe our elected officials are focused on the issues they care about most.

**Stop Politics of Division** – Build Consensus: encourages candidates to be responsive to all constituents and combats the politics of division and incentivizes candidates to prioritize the issues we agree upon.

• *Currently*: our system of voting for the lesser of two evils rewards elected politicians that do not focus on the issues we care about most.

**All Voices and All Voters Matter:** open elections will give voters equal opportunity to weigh in on who is elected in summer primary elections where more than 80% of all legislative races are determined.

• *Currently*: our summer primary election system is by far the most visible way we have turned power over to our most partisan, polarized citizens.

**Equal Treatment**: treats all candidates and voters equally by allowing them to compete under the same rules.

• Currently: unaffiliated candidates must collect up to 6x the number of signatures and do not appear on the primary ballot.